

Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation

Enterprise Zone Council

Minutes of Meeting of January 24, 2012

RIEDC: Providence Room

315 Iron Horse Way, Suite 101

Providence, RI 02908

In attendance:

COUNCIL AFFILIATION

D. Varin Vice Chairman

M. Wood RI League of Cities and Towns

R. Caniglia Stand Corporation

B. Parsons RIEDC

OTHER AFFILIATION

V. Barros RIEDC

J. Garrahy Moses & Afonso, LTD

W. Clark Town of Portsmouth

F. Presley Town of West Warwick

L. DiBoni Cranston

M. Wojcik City of Woonsocket

A. Crisman Center for Economic Development

M. Godin ED Foundation of RI

K. Cosentino City of Providence

At 10:06 Mr. Varin called the meeting the Rhode Island Enterprise Zone Council to order and noted that there was a quorum present.

The first item of business before the Council was the Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2011.

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parsons. Mr. Varin asked if there were any additional comments or questions. There being no further discussion, all voted in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

The next order of business before the Council was 2010 Recommendations for Certification.

Mr. Varin directed the Council's attention to a revised report that was distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Barros stated that there were two (2) businesses being presented for 2010 year-end certification and that both businesses presented had satisfied the requirements for year-end certification; as a result, staff recommended approval of both businesses bring the year-to-date total to seventy five (75) businesses resulting in five hundred and fifty six (556) new full-time jobs created in 2010.

He added that KKM. Inc. satisfied the wage test based on the owner's wages exception whereas the decrease in the owner's wages accounted for the decrease in total wages reported by the company which decreased from \$3,618,555 in 2009 to \$3,584,258 in 2010. He

explained that once the owner's wage were removed (\$437,860 in 2009 and \$370,888 in 2010) from the company's total wages, the revised total wage figures adhered to the wage test (\$3,180,695 in 2009 and \$3,213,378 in 2010) and increased by \$32,683.

Mr. Varin asked what KKM does?

Mr. Barros stated that they were a retail point-of-purchase design services company. They design retail store product layouts.

Mr. Caniglia asked how long they had been in business.

Mr. Barros stated that he wasn't certain but thought that it was at least ten years or more.

Mr. Varin asked for a motion to approve the 2010 recommendations for certification. Mr. Parsons made the motion which was seconded by Mr. Caniglia. Mr. Varin asked if there was any further discussion. There being no further discussion, all voted in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

The next order of business before the Council was an Update on Enterprise Zone Re-designations.

Mr. Barros provided a general overview of the upcoming zone re-designations for the Port of Providence/Cranston,

Woonsocket/Cumberland, Pawtucket/Lincoln, and the Central Falls/Cumberland enterprise zones.

He expressed concern over the lack of communication and responsiveness from the town of Cumberland.

Ms. Godin stated that John Aubin, the town planner, had told her that he was working on the re-designation proposals.

Mr. Wood suggested a letter be sent to the mayor of Cumberland informing him of the situation.

A general discussion ensued about the ramifications of Cumberland's future action or inaction in regards to re-designation of the Woonsocket/Cumberland and Central Falls/Valley Falls EZs.

The next order of business before the Council was an Update on 2011 Certification.

Mr. Barros updated the Council on the status of the 2011 certification and emphasized that the Council will only be asked to certify c-corporations for tax credits.

some future date like April 15th and how the certification form will clearly indicate that only c-corps can apply for 2011 certification.

A general discuss ensued about the impact of altering the March 15th deadline and how best to determine if a company is a qualified c-corporation and therefore eligible for 2011 tax credit certification.

The next order of business before the Council was any Old or New Business

Mr. Barros informed the Council that the 2012 meeting calendar was included in the agenda package.

Mr. Varin asked if there was any other business to come before the Council, there being none he asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wood made the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caniglia. Mr. Varin asked if there was any further business to come before the Council. There being none, all voted unanimously in favor of the motion.